



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Parks & Recreation Commission

Dean Veneman, Chairperson

Craig Broeren, Vice Chairperson

Kris Barteck

Mayor Shane Blaser

Tom Ekelin

Carolynn Martin

Tom Rayome

Lee Thao

Elizabeth Whelan

Jake Klingforth

Dawn Desorcy

Amy Marquard

Dave Michels

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission to be held in the 1st Floor Conference Room, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will also be streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at www.wr-cm.org.

1. Call to order.
2. Approve September 11, 2023, meeting minutes.
3. Consider approval for the creation of a recreational swim team program, including the hiring of a coach/instructor, the rental of the school district pool, and the setting of fees for program participation.
4. Discuss ideas for remaining Teske fund.
5. Dog Park update.
6. Bills.
7. Staff reports.
8. Adjourn.

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Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes
September 11, 2023

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., at the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Zoo, 1911 Gaynor Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

1. Call to order.

Commissioner Veneman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Members in attendance were Kris Barteck, Mayor Blaser, Craig Broeren, Tom Ekelin, Tom Rayome, Lee Thao, Dean Veneman, and Elizabeth Whelan. Carolynn Martin was absent. Staff present were Dawn Desorcy, Taylor Hale, and Jake Klingforth. Alderperson Dennis Polach was also in attendance.

2. Approve August 14, 2023, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Rayome, to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023. Motion carried.

3. Update on Aquatics Center.

The Aquatics Center attendance was up this summer, and the facility had fewer closures than last year. Season pass sales were down from last year, but more residents appear to be taking advantage of punch passes. Concession sales increased this year also. There are still some invoices coming in, so numbers are not finalized. Day and season pass pricing will remain the same unless staff feels there should be a change. We will also keep early bird specials for season passes.

4. Update on Zoo for 2023.

The zoo had 18,362 patrons visit this year, which is an average of 221 people per day. Attendance is up from previous years. The prairie dog exhibit is nearly complete; there is minor work to be done yet. This exhibit will open in 2024.

5. Discuss 2024 parks and aquatics budgets.

The 2024 budget was presented to the commission.

6. Select three (3) choices of possible dog park names for the public to vote on from list provided by staff, and allow final name to be chosen based on survey results (survey closes September 19).

The Commission selected the following names as their top 3 choices:

- Rapids Park and Bark Dog Park
- Rapids Barks and Rec Dog Park (shorten to "Rec")
- Rapids Room to Zoom Dog Park

7. Discuss ideas for remaining Teske fund.

The commission viewed current exhibits at the zoo and will discuss possible ideas for the remaining donation from the Teske family at the next meeting.

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8. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barteck, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to accept the bills. Motion carried.

9. Staff reports.

Dawn and Jake presented reports.

10. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Mayor Blaser, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary

Parks & Recreation Bills

October 9, 2023

Bill	Date	Detail	Amount
Ace Hardware	9/5/2023	City Zoo Materials	51.92
Ace Hardware	9/11/2023	Aquatics Equipment	2.15
Ace Hardware	9/20/2023	Aquatics Mtnc	9.38
Ace Hardware	9/20/2023	Park Dept Materials	52.12
Ace Hardware	9/21/2023	Park Dept Materials	9.58
Advance Supply	9/7/2023	City Zoo Materials	224.83
Amazon	9/12/2023	Rec Materials	79.98
Amazon	9/14/2023	Rec Materials	90.99
Amazon	9/15/2023	Rec Materials	18.98
Amazon	9/15/2023	Rec Materials	35.98
Amazon	9/19/2023	Rec Materials	13.99
American Fence Company	4/28/2023	City Zoo Materials	650.00
American Meadows	9/12/2023	Other Green Areas Materials	113.94
American Red Cross	8/24/2023	Aquatics Training/Certification	88.00
Badger Swimpools	8/28/2023	Aquatics	786.57
Carrico Aquatic Resources	10/1/2023	Aquatics Chemicals	200.00
Complete Office	9/15/2023	Park & Rec Office Supplies	31.85
Crescent Electric	9/14/2023	Other Green Areas Materials	537.63
Ferguson	8/30/2023	Park Dept Equipment	573.35
General Distributing LLC	9/6/2023	Park Dept Materials	272.39
Haas Tree Care	9/20/2023	Tree Care Contracts Payments	560.00
Holiday Wholesale	9/15/2023	Aquatics Concessions Supplies	50.00
Linzmeier, Ron	9/19/2023	City Zoo Materials	1,010.00
Little Racecar Daycare	9/25/2023	Other Green Areas Materials	50.00
Metcalf Lumber	9/22/2023	Other Green Areas Materials	18.84
Portesi Pizza	8/25/2023	Aquatics Concessions Supplies	(432.00)
Quality + Printing	9/22/2023	Rec Advertising/PR	430.00
SpringGreen	9/7/2023	Mead Field Materials	165.00
Taylor Enterprises of WI	9/26/2023	Aquatics Concessions Labor	552.78
Tool Shed	9/14/2023	Park Dept Materials	42.93
Tractor Supply Co	9/18/2023	City Zoo Materials	21.99
UniFirst	9/7/2023	Aquatics Concessions Supplies	8.90
Walmart	8/30/2023	Aquatics Uniforms	4.47
Wil-Kil Pest Control	9/22/2023	City Zoo Materials	63.30
Wil-Kil Pest Control	10/12/2023	City Zoo Equipment	63.30
Winsupply	8/29/2023	Park Dept Materials	94.17
Winsupply	8/30/2023	Park Dept Materials	201.00
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